

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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Single Event Permit Summary

*Note: This is general information only and should not be considered conclusive.
For further detail, please consult Title 32A of the Utah Code and the Rules of the Commission.*

Single event permits may be issued by the commission for the sale of all types of alcohol *by the permit holder* at conventions, civic or community enterprises, at prices approved by the commission. Permits may be issued to a bona fide partnership, corporation, limited liability company, church, political organization, or incorporated association or to a recognized subordinate lodge, chapter or other local unit thereof. Single event permits provide for the legal storage, sale, service, and consumption of liquor, wine, heavy beer, and beer.

A single event **permit is required** if the applicant desires to benefit from the proceeds of the sale of alcohol by way of direct sales or indirect sales (or in combination) as follows:

- **Direct sales** of alcoholic beverages includes cash bars where drinks are prepared, *sold*, and served to event participants who pay for alcoholic beverages as they are ordered and received.
- **Indirect sales** of alcoholic beverages includes situations where the purchase of a ticket or payment of an entrance or registration fee entitles the participant to alcoholic beverages included with the event such as an open bar, or wine with dinner.

Note: A single event **permit is not required**

- for a privately hosted event where the group's invited guests are not charged to attend and where alcoholic beverages are provided to attendees at no charge.
- when all of the alcoholic beverages are donated to the group (by a benefactor other than an alcohol industry member) and no proceeds from the event are used to offset the cost of alcohol.

Duration and Number

- A permit may not exceed 120 consecutive hours (five days).
- Not more than four permits may be issued to the same organization in the same calendar year.

Qualifications

- The applicant must have been in existence as a bona fide organization for at least one year prior to the date of application.
- No person who has been convicted of a felony; two or more convictions of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs within the last five years; or any crime involving the sale, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, adulteration or transportation of alcoholic beverages, or involving moral turpitude may apply for or be granted a single event permit.
- No permit will be issued to any person or business that has had any liquor license or permit revoked within the last three years.
- A minor may not be granted a single event permit.
- If the applicant is a partnership, a minor may not be a partner or managing agent.
- If the applicant is corporation or limited liability company, a minor may not be a managing agent, officer, director or stockholder who holds at least 20% of the stock of a corporation or owns at least 20% of a limited liability company.

Application Requirements:

- Written consent of the local governing authority (city, town, county) must be obtained.
- A \$100 permit fee.
- A cash or surety compliance bond in the amount of \$1000.
- The commission may consider the general proximity of the event to educational, religious, and recreational facilities in determining whether to grant a permit.
- Applications must be made to and be on file with the department by the 10th of each month.
- The commission may consider the adequacy of control measures at outdoor public events or public events where estimated attendance exceeds 1000 to prevent the consumption of alcohol by minors or intoxicated persons.

Purchases of Alcoholic Beverages

- All liquor, wine, and heavy beer shall be purchased by the permittee from a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control state store or package agency.
- All beer shall be purchased by the permittee from:
 - A Utah beer wholesaler; or
 - A small brewer (manufactures less than 60,000 barrels per year); or
 - A licensed Utah beer retailer.

Sale and Service of Alcoholic Beverages

(1) Liquor Sales

- (a) The primary spirituous liquor in a mixed drink may be dispensed from any size bottle, but only in quantities **not to exceed** one ounce. A calibrated, metered dispensing device is not required.
- (b) Secondary spirituous liquor may be used in a beverage as a flavoring ingredient in conjunction with the primary liquor.
- (c) The total amount of spirituous liquor in a beverage (including both the primary liquor and any secondary flavorings) may not exceed 2.75 ounces of spirituous liquor.

(2) Wine Sales

- (a) Wine may be sold and served by the bottle or container in sizes not exceeding 1.5 liters.
- (b) Wine may be served by the glass or individual portion in quantities not exceeding 5 ounces. An individual portion (i.e. flights) may be served to a patron in more than one glass as long as the total amount of wine in the individual portion does not exceed 5 ounces.
- (c) Wine may be poured by the glass from any size bottle or container and need not be dispensed through a dispensing device.

(3) Heavy Beer Sales: Heavy beer may be served in original containers not exceeding one liter.

(4) Beer Sales: Beer may be served in any size container not exceeding 2 liters and on draft.

Limitation on Total Number of Drinks

- Each single event attendee may have no more than one alcoholic beverage of any kind at a time before the patron.

Sales Hours

- Alcoholic Beverages may be sold on any day from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m.
- A local authority may be more restrictive regarding the hours of sale, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- On election days (regular general, regular primary, or statewide special), alcoholic beverages may not be sold until after the polls are closed.

Employees

- Any employee handling alcoholic beverages must be twenty one years of age or older.
- Employees may not consume or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages while on duty.
- Employees that sell or serve alcoholic beverages do so under the direction and supervision of the permit holder.

Discounting Practices Prohibited

- Liquor may not be sold at a discount at any time.
- Other discounting practices are prohibited that encourage over-consumption of alcohol such as reduced prices for certain hours of the event (i.e. "happy hours"), "two for ones", free alcohol, or selling at less than cost.

Consumption on the Premises

- An open container primarily used for drinking purposes and containing an alcoholic beverage, may not be removed from the restaurant premises.

"Brown Bagging"

- Attendees of an event may not bring any alcoholic beverages onto the premises of the event.

Advertising

- Public advertising of the event *may* refer to the availability of alcoholic beverages at the event.
- Alcohol advertising must comply with the guidelines in Rule R81-1-17.

Prohibited Conduct

- Lewd acts, attire, and sexually oriented conduct of employees and entertainers that are considered contrary to public welfare and morals are prohibited on the premises.

Gambling

- A single event permittee may not engage in or permit any form of gambling on the premises of the event.